

any way that does not intoxicate, that is not gambling. A place, may be held in connection with children's meetings, young people's societies and other meetings.

8. According to the above the German Baptist Brethren church have out done all the church festivals of this country.

9. There were no accidents, very few arrests.

10. We entertained twenty of the Brethren and had a very pleasant time.

11. Get a report for twenty five cents
B. H. FLORA

Neppanee and Union Salem, Ind.

Nippanee.—A very pleasant communion Brother Summers was present and as usual made things lively. It was a spiritual feast long to be remembered.

Union Salem.—One accession by baptism, a very excellent lady who had expressed this desire during the meetings held by Brother Keller.
B. H. FLORA.

Ohio Conference Report, June 7-10, 1900

The seventeenth annual Conference of the Brethren Church of Ohio convened at Ankenytown June 7-10, 1900.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Conference was called to order by the Moderator, J. L. Kimmel

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. C. Cassel of Philadelphia, who read Col. 3: 1-20 and led in prayer.

After a few appropriate remarks the Moderator appointed the following committees:—

On Credentials, E. J. Worst, J. C. Beal, Wm. Kiefer.

On Committees, A. D. Gnagey, W. A. Welty, S. B. Grisso.

During a short interval, while these committees were at work, three minute speeches were made by a number of delegates.

A partial report of the committee on credentials was received.

The committee on committees reported the following committees:—

On Daily Program, J. D. Findley, H. M. Oberholtzer, J. C. Beal

On Resolutions, G. A. Ruff, J. C. Cassel, Wm. Beachler.

On Temperance, S. B. Grisso, Perry Clapper, L. S. Bauman.

On Nomination, A. D. Gnagey, E. J. Worst, Josiah Keim.

On Standing of Ministers, J. A. Miller, S. B. Grisso, Wm. Kiefer. The report was adopted.

On motion the courtesies of the conference were extended to Brethren Cassel of Philadelphia, McCullough of Washington, Pa., Bauman of Roann, Ind., and Sister Detwiler of Ridgely, Md.

Next in order was the moderator's annual report which was read and ordered spread upon the minutes. The following is the report:

Report of the Moderator

The cycle of another conference year is upon us. Thru the kind care of an over ruling providence we are again permitted to meet and greet one another as co-workers in the Master's vineyard. It should be considered a very distinguished privilege, that once every year we may meet together in conference where we may compare our achievements as well as report our failures. In taking a retrospect of our year's work, there are no doubt many things that will cause us to rejoice, and while many of our efforts have been crowned with the highest success and we have had much cause for rejoicing, yet it is quite natural to suppose that there are some things also connected with our work that will cause us deep regret. Life is a commingling of joy and sorrow, of triumphs and defeats, and in the Master's work we must not become discouraged when we think we

have not achieved the highest attainments. In the work of our Savior there may be apparent but no real failures. Victory must come at last to all who will put their trust in Him and at the same time go forward, and He who is King of kings and Lord of lords has nothing in store for us but the richest rewards.

In the year that has just come to a close we have much to be grateful for. In the first place God's marvelous goodness must be recognized in the fact that He has again spared the lives of all our ministers. Among the forty Brethren ministers in the State not one has been claimed by death in the last two years. This is certainly a remarkable coincidence. On the other hand one addition at least has been made: Dr. J. C. Mackey, formerly of Elk Lick, Pa., has taken charge of West Alexandria, Bear Creek and Farmersville churches and we cordially welcome him into our midst and pledge him our mutual support. Elder J. M. Bowman changed from the Glenford charge to the Miamisburg charge where he did excellent work for the Lord. But several weeks ago I am sorry to relate, he was compelled to resign and go to Colorado, on account of ill health. Brother Bowman was one of our best counselors and most active and able ministers and it is a great misfortune to the Brethren churches in Ohio as well as to the conference to lose his services.

Many new members have been added during the year and while, perhaps, there has not been the activity among our churches commensurate with the highest success, yet I believe a better day is at hand. And it is gratifying to note that as a church we are better organized and equipped for work than we were one year ago. One great want has been a lack of ministers but it is very encouraging to know that Ashland College has been doing splendid work along this line and a number of young men have been preparing themselves in that institution for this noble work. A great effort should be made by every congregation in the State to send young men to Ashland College that they might prepare themselves for the ministry in the Brethren church. Whenever Ashland College will be able to supply the demand for Brethren preachers a new era of prosperity will dawn upon us as a people.

One of the most essential needs of the Brethren church is union of efforts, concentration of forces. It will never do for one congregation to think that it is not necessary for them to unite with other congregations in carrying on this great plan of salvation. We must not exist as so many churches but as one church that the greatest good may be accomplished.

And now, brethren, I thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me and for the honor you have conferred upon me in again electing me chairman of this conference. And I sincerely hope that by God's grace and your assistance I may be able to preside to your entire satisfaction and to the welfare of the cause we so much love, and that we may all go away from this conference better equipped for our work than ever before.

J. L. KIMMEL, Moderator.

The question of Ministerial standing for this conference session was referred to the committee on credentials. Adjourned.

SECOND SESSION, THURSDAY EVENING.

Brother J. C. Cassel of Philadelphia, preached from Acts 13: 22 using as scripture lesson II Samuel 24.

THIRD SESSION, FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional services led by W. A. Welty who read the 51 Psalm and led in prayer.

At this juncture the report of the chairman of the Board of Elders was read. The special report of the board's work at Dayton was also ordered read. The special reports were referred to the following special committee, composed of two laymen and three ministers, J. A. Miller, William Kiefer, J. C. Beal, Samuel Keiser, and J. D. Findley.

Revivals. Isaac Ross led the discussion on this subject. Further discussed by Brethren Cassel, Bauman, and Miller.

The ministerial examining board reported no applicants for ordination.

The Pastor and the Publishing House, Discussion opened by W. A. Welty. Followed by M. S. White who read an interesting paper. The paper was ordered published in the EVANGELIST. Further discussion engaged in by Brethren Cassel, Bauman and Kolb. Adjourned.

FOURTH SESSION, FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Brother M. S. White conducted the opening services by reading the 19 Psalm and prayer.

Educational Interests. Prof. L. L. Garber read an excellent paper. Ordered published in the EVANGELIST. The paper was followed by a spirited discussion engaged in by Brethren Ross, Grisso, Oberholtzer, Bauman, Deffenbaugh, White and Kolb. The unanimous sentiment of the conference was that the college must be supported.

The work of the State Mission Board was next taken up. First the chairman's report was read and ordered spread upon the minutes.

The report of the treasurer was next read and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Total cash receipts	\$273 53
Total cash expenditures,	
To Z. H. Copp	\$185 00
To J. L. Kimmel	4 01
To postage, etc	1 50
	\$190 51
Cash on hand,	\$83 02

E. J. WORST, Treas.

The committee on nominations was instructed to bring in at least two nominations for each office to be filled by conference.

The conference directed the secretary to procure a seal and affix to the Ministerial Certificates, this year's roll as the basis, and return them within sixty days, to the ministers certified. Adjourned.

FIFTH SESSION, FRIDAY EVENING

A large audience assembled. After devotional exercises conducted by Josiah Keim, J. Allen Miller delivered an address on Missions. An offering for the state work was taken.

SIXTH SESSION, SATURDAY MORNING

Brother Wm Beachler conducted the devotional services.

The report of the special committee to whom the report of the Board of Elders was referred was next heard. The report was unanimously adopted by the conference. The report follows:—

We, the committee to whom the report of the Board of Elders was referred, do, after an examination into the matter, find the facts set forth therein sustained, and do recommend its adoption with the following modification in the finding, namely after the words *Conference of Ohio* it be so changed as to read "declare that Zed H. Copp is no longer a member of Conference of the Brethren Churches of Ohio, neither those who may follow and support him."

The following is the amended report of the Board of Elders on the Dayton matter as adopted by the conference.

Whereas there is dissatisfaction in the Dayton Brethren church in reference to the ruling of the pastor, Zed. H. Copp and

Whereas, forty-five members of said church have expressed their grievances by petitioning the Board of Elders representing the Brethren church of the state of Ohio to assist them in an investigation as to the cause of the dissatisfaction, and adjust the difficulties, and

Whereas, the said Elders notified the pastor, Zed, H. Copp, and the secretary, of the day and date set for said meeting; being the tenth day of April 1900, and,

Whereas, the said Elders came to Dayton to meet the church, and,

Whereas, Zed. H. Copp and some of the official members positively refused to recognize or accept the said Board of Elders in an official capacity and also refused to open the church house for an investiga-